

REMARKS

This amendment corrects a clerical error in the specification relating to the expression “aripiprazole anhydride crystals.”

Specifically, Applicants have amended the expressions “aripiprazole anhydride crystals B” and “aripiprazole anhydride crystals” in the specification to “Anhydrous Aripiprazole Crystals B” and “anhydrous aripiprazole crystals”, respectively. The term “anhydride” is often used to refer to the product formed by the condensation of two carboxylic acids with the expulsion of water. However, the term “anhydride” was used in the present application to intend to mean the crystalline form containing substantially no water. The Examiner and others skilled in the art will appreciate that the use of the expression “anhydride” in connection with aripiprazole cannot refer to the conventional meaning of an anhydride as the condensation of two carboxyl groups with the expulsion of water, since carboxyl groups are not present in aripiprazole (the chemical formula and the names of aripiprazole are described on page 16 and page 17, line 20-26 of the present specification).

Accordingly, Applicants have amended the term “anhydride” used in the present specification by using the word “anhydrous”, so as to correctly refer to the crystalline form containing substantially no water. The term “anhydrous” is conventionally and widely used in the chemical field, and described in many chemical dictionaries. The term “anhydrous” is used to refer to the form containing no water. The amendment does not raise any question of new matter, because it would be apparent to a person skilled in the art on the basis of the chemical formula and names of aripiprazole on pages 16 and 17 of the English specification.

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Entry and consideration of the amendment and an Action on the merits are respectfully
requested.

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